

REBELLION TALK STIRS UP CANADA

Growing Crisis Due to the
School Question.

NORTHWEST NOW AROUSED

Other Ministers May Resign and De-
feat of Prime Minister Seems
Probable.

OTTAWA, March 3.—Not only is Premier Laurier confronted with a cabinet crisis which has already caused the resignation of one minister and may cause others to give up their portfolios, but Canada faces an outburst of religious fury that may shatter the confederation itself.

Following the resignation of Clifford Sifton, minister of the interior, who refused to endorse the plan for separate Catholic schools maintained by public funds in the Northwest, it is announced that W. S. Fielding, minister of finance; Sir William Mulock, postmaster general, and Sydney Fisher, minister of agriculture, will follow Sifton's lead if the premier insists in his policy. It is understood they have intimated strongly to him that the bill for the organization of the two new provinces—Saskatchewan and Alberta—must leave these provinces free to deal with the school question as they see fit, or the government will face defeat in the house of commons.

A Serious Crisis.
Fiddling is undoubtedly the strongest member of the cabinet after Laurier himself, and would probably be backed by the entire delegation from Nova Scotia—every one of whom is a Liberal—should he resign office. Nearly all the other Protestant members of the cabinet, with their following, could be counted upon to do likewise, and the government would be defeated on the first division.

The storm now brewing looks serious for Canada, because party lines have practically been wiped out. Religious animosities—always present, even though generally latent, in this country—threaten the most dangerous kind of a division both in parliament and among the electorate. A sample of the sort of firebrands that were being flung about today is contained in an interview with Col. Sam Hughes, M. P. for North Victoria, Ontario.

Threat of Rebellion.
"Rifles will be used in the Northwest," he said. "If the premier does not back down, Protestants will fight to a man. A rebellion is certain unless the educational clause is withdrawn from the bill."

Colonel Hughes, having been grand master of the Ontario Orangemen for years, has talked like this before, and nobody regarded him too seriously, but such utterances now are likely to have more serious results.

To his colleagues Sir Wilfrid Laurier has said he might entertain a proposal

ONE OF CHAFFEE'S AIDES



ANDREW JACKSON WEST.
Quartermaster General of Georgia and a Veteran of the Civil War.

to modify the language of his bill, but he steadfastly adhered to the policy of perpetuating separate schools in the Northwest. He interprets the British North American act of 1867—which is the written constitution of Canada—as making separate schools obligatory in the former domain of the Hudson Bay Company.

Even if he succumbed to the pressure that is being brought to bear upon him from all over the Dominion except Quebec, his troubles would still be far from ended.

Confederation in Peril.
The French Canadian press is unanimous in declaring that a surrender would put confederation in peril, that Quebec would view a victory for the opponents of separate schools as disastrous to their religious welfare. This feature of the situation has developed and rendered more delicate the position in which Sir Wilfrid finds himself. Discussing editorially Mr. Sifton's retirement from the cabinet, Le Canada, the French Canadian organ of the government in Montreal, says:

"If Sifton retires without trying to overthrow the government, his retreat may be credited to his convictions being stronger than his respect for the constitution of the country."

Thus Le Canada shares the premier's view that the constitution provides for the establishment and maintenance of separate schools. Continuing, Le Canada says:

"If Sifton seeks to bring on complications to place Sir Wilfrid Laurier in a minority he will assume the responsibility of a crisis much more serious than he imagines. The constitution of

Canada was framed for all parties, and if that constitution is attacked by a group or a faction not in power confederation becomes endangered. We hope the patriotism of the members of parliament will avoid a situation where politics would no longer be the dividing line between the people."

Le Canada is owned by Raymond Prefontaine, minister of marine and fisheries in the Laurier cabinet, and its utterances are taken as reflecting the views of the premier and those of his colleagues who support him in the stand he has taken.

Tories Back Laurier.

Le Journal, the Conservative newspaper in this city, shares Le Canada's attitude and prays for the triumph of Sir Wilfrid. It adds:

"The sincere union of the best elements in the house of commons alone can prevent a storm of sectarian passions that will shake the foundations of confederation."

Throughout the province no other attitude is taken, either by the press or public, and church influences are being brought to bear upon the premier to offset the protests that are coming to him from coast to coast.

Sir Wilfrid met the members from the west in the council chamber today, and was told by them that regardless of party affiliations, they were unalterably opposed to the educational clause in the government's bill providing autonomy for the two provinces. The premier, it is understood, made no promise that he would be willing to accede to a compromise.

This is not the first time that the

PICTURESQUE FIGURE IN INAUGURAL PARADE

Col. Andrew J. West, Quartermaster of Georgia Militia,
Will Ride as One of the Aides of
General Chaffee.

Among the picturesque figures in the inaugural parade will be Col. Andrew J. West, quartermaster general of the State of Georgia. A distinguished soldier of the armies of the Confederacy during the civil war, Colonel West has been allied with the National Guard of the State ever since, has been on the staff of every post-bellum governor, and quartermaster general for sixteen years.

Colonel West will be an aide on the staff of Lieutenant General Chaffee, grand marshal of the parade. Some years ago, when a great peace jubilee called the people of the country to Atlanta, the home of Colonel West, he was grand marshal of the parade given on

that occasion. General Chaffee, who had not then achieved the high distinction which is now his, chanced to be in the city, and the grand marshal invited him to become a member of his staff.

The invitation was accepted, and the cordial friendship then created is the probable occasion of the courtesy General Chaffee has extended Colonel West today.

The quartermaster general of Georgia has many other military honors to lend him distinction. He has held numerous civil offices and for three decades has been among the foremost in the promotion of the prosperity and happiness of his State. He has done his full share in advancing Atlanta to the proud position that city now occupies.

BRAIN EXPERTS CLASH OVER ASSASSIN TYPE

Dr. Spitzka Challenges Professor Lombroso to Publish Original of Tegami—Declares There Is Error.

NEW YORK, March 3.—Dr. Edwin Anthony Spitzka, the famous brain expert of Columbia University, has written a reply to Prof. Cesare Lombroso, who recently resented Dr. Spitzka's attack on Lombroso's whole theory as to criminal types of brain.

Dr. Spitzka says:
"Far from being guilty of not 'looking at the text' of Lombroso's work, I must lay claim to having scrutinized the pages of his 'Criminal Man' better than he himself reviewed the work he writes concerning the brain of the assassin Tegami—even after having his attention most emphatically called to as gross a misrepresentation of a human brain as

well can be. Lombroso says that a figure of Esposito's brain had been inserted in his atlas, and that through an error the name of Tegami had been appended.

"Let Prof. Lombroso publish reproductions of the figures of the brains of Tegami and Esposito, as given by the original investigators, together with the figure in Lombroso's atlas, called by me a caricature of Tegami's brain. It may then be seen whether I rightly interpreted them or not. If I have erred I shall withdraw my statement. But if Prof. Lombroso declines to avail himself of this challenge within two months I shall supply the omission in such a way that there shall be no room for any irrelevant discussion."

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